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From the President | Dr. Ronald E. Nettles

Copiah-Lincoln Community College's employees have always been our greatest asset. A few recent retirements have reminded me how fortunate we are to have a faculty and staff who are committed to our mission. Those retirements included David Campbell, our Foundation's executive director, who retired from Co-Lin after 12 years, Velesta Young, who retired from her responsibilities in the business office after 19 years, and our longest-serving active employee, Ken Chapman, who retired as librarian after 39 years of service. These retirees are three more in a long line of dedicated employees of the college who have helped define who we are as an institution.

As I meet former students and alumni of Co-Lin in my role as president, they often reflect on their experience at Co-Lin and mention a special teacher or staff member who had a significant influence on their life. They often recall classroom instructors who challenged them to achieve more than they thought they could, coaches that instilled confidence and self-discipline, or a staff member who provided caring guidance and support to them at a time of need.

I have been at Co-Lin for almost 22 years now, and I have had the opportunity to work with dozens of truly outstanding employees at the college who have now retired. For over 100 years, Co-Lin employees have impacted the lives of our students and the communities we serve and we have been blessed with instructors and staff who truly care about the success of our students. For many of our students, that support and inspiration has been a turning point in their lives and provided a foundation for their future success.

We currently have over 300 full-time employees at Co-Lin on three different campuses. As president, I am confident that our employees of today are continuing the work of our retirees of previous years. With each retirement, we add a new employee that has the responsibility to carry on the good work of Copiah-Lincoln. As I have often said, our mission is an important mission and one that should bring us great pride. We continue to be blessed with the right people at Co-Lin.

Dr. Nettles and Rosie

Ronald E. Nettles

Letter to Alumni and Friends | Marilyn Brown

As I begin the second year of my two-year term as president of the Co-Lin Alumni Association, I am again pleased and honored to represent those who have attended or are graduates of Co-Lin. I have enjoyed the opportunities this involvement has afforded me to meet and work with fellow alumni. Joining me as officers again are Richard Baker as vice President and Brandi Irvin Hough as secretary.

It is great to be able to give back to Co-Lin and it is my desire to help strengthen the bond of our alumni. Therefore, it is important to keep our alumni and friends of the college connected to the alumni association. There are many ways to do so. You can follow the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/CoLinAlumni, the Co-Lin webpage http://www.colin.edu/alumni, Twitter @CoLinAlumni or by a simple phone call to the alumni office at 601-643-8313. We'd also love to keep up with you via email, so feel free to send your email address to me at marilyn.brown@colin.edu or Angela Furr at angela.furr@colin.edu.

We all have great reason to be proud of Co-Lin and its traditions. I invite all alumni to increase your participation and support by joining the alumni association, and by sending us your feedback and suggestions. Your input is very important to help us carry forward and to help engage others.

I look forward to the year ahead and connecting with as many of you as possible.

Sincerely,

Marilyn B Brown

Alumni Association |

Campbell retires, Hart appointed interim Foundation executive director

Campbell

Hart

David E. Campbell of Franklin County retired from his position as executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs in December after five years.

He previously served as associate director of alumni affairs and a humanities instructor for six years. Prior to Co-Lin, Campbell worked in public relations with Magnolia Electric Power Association in McComb and Singing River Electric Power Association in Lucedale for more than 30 years. During his tenure, the Co-Lin Foundation's assests have grown from $5 million to now almost $8 million.

"David has done a great job on behalf of the Foundation," Co-Lin president Dr. Ronnie Nettles said. "We wish him the best in his retirement."

Charles Hart of Wesson has been appointed as interim executive director of the Foundation. Hart has served as an accounting instructor and manager of the Co-Lin bookstore prior to his retirement and currently works part-time on the Wesson campus. He has served as secretary/treasurer of the Foundation Board of Directors and chairman of the finance committee since it's inception.

"Charles has a thorough knowledge of the financial operation of the Foundation, and having him serve in an interim capacity will allow us sufficient time this spring to conduct an appropriate search for a new executive director," Nettles said.

Associate director of alumni affairs Angela Furr and secretary Danielle White will continue to be responsible for the event planning and day-to-day operations of the Foundation and Alumni affairs office.

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The *Colinian*, is now printed bi-annually and is distributed to dues-paying members of the Alumni Association and donors to the Foundation. Beginning this spring, the bi-annual newsletter, *imPACK*, will become an electronic-only publication distributed via email and available to view online on the Co-Lin web site. If you wish to receive updates and publications via email, please update your contact information on the website at www.colin.edu/alumni. You can also call Angela Furr at 601-643-8498 or email angela.furr@colin.edu with an address or email update. We hope to continue to bring you the very best Co-Lin Alumni and Foundation news in this new format.

Athletic Alumni Association Taps Officers

Leon Boone ('57) has been elected as president of the athletic alumni association. He will be joined by Chris Calcote ('71) as vice-president and Mike Jones ('73) as secretary. Troy C. Greer ('58) and Curtis McMillan ('60) were elected to serve as board members for the organization.

All former Co-Lin athletes and coaches are considered members of the athletic alumni association. For information on becoming involved with this group, contact the alumni office at 601-643-8498.

Alumni Association | Alumni of the Year

Carmon "Sandy" Cowart of Terrell, Texas and Dr. Sherry Chance Pippen of Monticello were honored as outstanding alumni of the year at Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 3. The selection is made by a committee of alumni from throughout Co-Lin's district after accepting nominations from the alumni body.

Carmon "Sandy" Cowart

Carmon "Sandy" Cowart of Terrell, Texas, is a 1953 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School and attended the college for a year before transferring to the University of Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. He spent the first ten years of his 58-year career as a pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy in Jackson before returning home to Texas where he has owned and operated Terrell Pharmacy for 48 years.

Cowart is a member of the Terrell Independent School Board, Terrell Chamber of Commerce, Rotary International, and has served on the boards of United Way and the Regional Mental Health and Retardation Center, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is a member of Terrell Baptist Church, where he has served on the board of deacons for 45 years, and has been a Sunday school teacher for 48 years. He is married to the former Jo Ann Hennington, and they have four children, Ron Cowart (attended, deceased), Tami Brooks ('82), Tracey Crowsey, and Tara Duty, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Cowart

Dr. Sherry Pippen

Dr. Sherry Chance Pippen of Monticello is a 1997 graduate of Co-Lin where she was head Colette and was a member of numerous clubs and organizations such as the English Club, Science Club, the Student Government Association, President's Council and Phi Theta Kappa. She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, was a campus favorite and homecoming maid.

Pippen

She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Mississippi College and a doctorate of dentistry from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. She is a family dentist and owner of Oak Lane Family Dental in Monticello.

Pippen has served in numerous community and professional organizations such as the Mississippi Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. She is a past president of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and a member of Monticello Baptist Church. She is also a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board of Directors and is a founding member of Co-Lin's Band and Colette Alumni Chapter. She was honored by the chapter as the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alum in 2012. She is married to Lynn Pippen, and they have two daughters, Kiley and Brenna Kate.

Alumni Spotlight

Caitlin Johnson ('09) is a physical therapist at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Jackson. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Southern Mississippi, receiving a bachelor's degree in kinesiotherapy and graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she received a doctorate of physical therapy. She recently completed a medical mission trip in Haiti.

Alumni Association | Sports Hall of Fame inducts five new members

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Athletic Alumni Association inducted five members into its Sports Hall of Fame during their annual meeting at Homecoming. Those honored were Jacob Blakeney of Magee, Jaris Patrick of Mendenhall, Ralph Sanders of Wiggins, the late David Smith of Wesson, and Corey Verrett of Opelousas, Louisiana.

From left, Corey Verrett, Ralph Sanders, Jacob Blakeney, Ramona Smith on behalf of the late David Smith and Jaris Patrick.

Blakeney

Jacob Blakeney is a 2001 graduate of Co-Lin where he was a member of the 2000 Wolfpack College World Series baseball team and was named All-State, All-Region, and All-District. After Co-Lin, he attended Mississippi State University where he was a member of the baseball team and received the All-SEC Academic distinction. He played for the Atlanta Braves minor league team from 2003-2005 and was named Pitcher of the Week.

Blakeney received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University, a master's degree from Mississippi College, and obtained his teaching certification from William Carey University. He spent five years as a teacher and coach at McLaurin Attendance Center and Mendenhall Junior High School before joining Peoples Bank in Magee as a loan officer in 2013. He is involved in Simpson County 4-H, the American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society. He is married to the former Amanda Tutor, and they have a three-year-old daughter, Annmarie.

Patrick

Jaris Patrick is a 1967 graduate of Co-Lin where he was a member of the football team and was named All-State and All-American. After Co-Lin, he attended Delta State University where he lettered in football and was named Best Defensive Player. He received a bachelor's degree from Delta State and began his career as a teacher and coach at Columbia City Schools in 1970. After a 20-year career as a private business owner, he returned to teaching and coaching in 1993 when he served as a head junior high football coach and assistant high school football coach for 11 years and as athletic director and head high school football coach with the Rankin County School District from 2005 until his retirement in 2014. During his coaching career he received numerous honors such as District Coach of the Year for seven consecutive years, Blitz 16 Coach of the Year, and was named Clarion Ledger Metro Coach of the Year twice. He led his teams to two state, three south state, and six district titles.

Patrick is a member of Mendenhall Baptist Church and is a member and officer of Mendenhall Jaycees, Mendenhall Athletic Booster Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Puckett Athletic Booster Club, and the Mississippi Association of Coaches. He is a volunteer fireman and serves as head of the city's summer league baseball program. He and his wife Abbie are parents to four children, Jennifer Green ('92), Natalie Carter, Jessica Bartling ('98), and Nicholas Patrick, and seven grandchildren.

Sanders

Ralph Sanders is a 1960 graduate of Co-Lin where he was a member of the football team and received All-State honors. He attended Delta State University where he lettered in football and earned a bachelor's degree. He spent six years coaching and teaching in Mississippi and Louisiana before moving to Wiggins to enter into private business, operating a Sears catalog store and a successful real estate and appraisal business. He served in the Army National Guard for eight years, and has been active in his community serving on the board of directors for the Economic Development Partnership of Stone County where he served as chairman for many years. He is a charter member of Pine Burr Country Club where he served on the board of directors and is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Joppa Shrine.

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Alumni Association | Outstanding Faculty & Staff

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association recognized five outstanding faculty and staff members at Homecoming. Those honored were Amy Case of Brookhaven, Blake Oberschmidt of Wesson and Velesta Young of Wesson, all from the Wesson Campus; Amanda Hood of Utica, Natchez Campus; and Bryon Conville of Mendenhall, Simpson County Center.

From left, Blake Oberschmidt, Amy Case, Velesta Young, Amanda Hood and Bryon Conville.

Case

Case was selected as outstanding academic instructor of the year. She has been employed at Co-Lin since 2002 and began her career at Co-Lin working part-time in the humanities lab before returning to school to receive a bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree from American Inter-Continental University. Today she serves as a beginning and intermediate English instructor.

She is active in the Mississippi Association of Developmental Education organization and is a member of Brookway Church of Christ where she teaches Bible class. She is married to Jason Case and they have a daughter, Jaycee.

Oberschmidt

Oberschmidt was selected as outstanding career/technical instructor of the year. He has been employed at Co-Lin since 2010 and serves as program coordinator of Automotive Technology. He is a graduate of Co-Lin's automotive program. Prior to Co-Lin, he worked at Stan King Chevrolet for over 14 years. He is an ASE Master Certified Auto Technician and attends Strong Hope Baptist Church. He is married to Amy Oberschmidt and they have two children, Kayla and Preston.

Young

Young was selected as outstanding staff member of the year. She has been employed at Co-Lin since 1996. She is a graduate of West Lincoln Attendance Center and serves as accounts payable manager in the Business Office.

She is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she serves on the building and grounds committee. She is married to Gwyn Young and they have two children, Lane Young and Jessica Hynum, and five grandchildren.

Hood

Hood was selected as outstanding faculty/staff member for the Natchez campus. She has been employed at Co-Lin since 2011 and serves as a mathematics instructor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor. She received an associate's degree from Co-Lin, and bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Mississippi State University.

Prior to Co-Lin, she was a math teacher and tennis coach at Hillcrest Christian School and a mathematics instructor at Hinds Community College. She is a member of Mathematical Association of America and Pine Bluff Baptist Church, and serves as director of the Mississippi Regional Science Olympiad. She is a recipient of the Howell Garner High Performance Award and the SOAR Golden Apple Award. She is an avid runner, having completed several half marathons and marathons and was Mississippi Track Club's Grand Prix Champion in 2012. She is married to Charles Hood and has a stepdaughter, Lauren and a grandson, Bryson.

Conville

Conville was selected as outstanding faculty/staff member for the Simpson County Center. He has been employed at Co-Lin since 2005 and serves as librarian and teaches English Composition and British Literature courses. He received a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and a master's degree from the University of Alabama.

Prior to Co-Lin, he was a librarian in Charlotte, North Carolina and at the Canton Public Library. He personally built the entire collection at the Taylor Library at the Simpson Center. He is a recipient of the Howell Garner High Performance Award and serves as a Boy Scout Leader. He is married to Alison Conville and they have two children, Daniel and Michael.

Alumni Association | Band and Colette Alumni Chapter

Hall of Fame & Stanley W. Stewart Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Band and Colette chapter of the Co-Lin Alumni Association inducted Sonya White Cowen of Wesson into its Hall of Fame and honored Laci Fenn Godbold of McComb as the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alumni recipient during Homecoming festivities Oct. 3.

Cowen

Godbold

Cowen

Cowen is a 1963 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School and a 1965 graduate of the college. She was a Colette in the Co-Lin Show Band for four years, including two in high school, and was a Colette captain her sophomore year. She was chosen as Miss Copiah-Lincoln AHS, Miss Co-Lin, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Cowen received a bachelor's degree in education and library science from Mississippi College and completed additional study at MC and the University of Southern Mississippi. After retiring as librarian from Wesson Attendance Center after 30 years, she has worked as an assistant librarian in the Evelyn W. Oswalt library at Co-Lin for over 12 years.

Cowen is a member and former secretary of the Band and Colette Alumni Chapter. She was the driving force and worked diligently to edit and publish the history book, *A History of the Co-Lin Band*. She was honored by the Co-Lin Alumni Association as Alumna of the Year in 2010 and was inducted into the Co-Lin Foundation's Hall of Fame in 2015.

In addition, Cowen has been honored as Wesson Teacher of the Year, Wesson Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year, and Wesson's Ageless Hero. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, where she was chosen as a Woman of Distinction in 1990. She is a member of the Wesson Garden Club, the 50 Plus Club, and the Old Wesson School Community Center Committee. She is an active member of Wesson Baptist Church where she serves as a member of the choir and a Sunday school teacher.

She was married to the late Hollis J. Cowen, Jr., and they have two children, Hollis J. Cowen, III (Trey), of Wesson, and Katrina Smith and husband Lane of Flagstaff, Arizona.

Godbold

Godbold is a 2003 graduate of Co-Lin where she was a member of the Colettes. After Co-Lin, she studied dance performance and choreography at the University of Southern Mississippi for two years and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from William Carey College.

She opened her own dance studio, Main Street Dance Company, in McComb in 2007. The studio offers a variety of classes such as ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, and gymnastics. She is the principle teacher at the studio and serves as artistic director for an award-winning competition team that she created in 2009. The team has performed in New York City and Walt Disney World, winning both state and national titles, and recently received recognition at the national competition this past summer.

Godbold is employed at Southwest Mississippi Community College as the choreographer for the stage band, marching band, and also teaches classes. She has also provided dance instruction and choreography for Nena Smith's School of Dance in Wesson. She has been a member of the non-profit organization, Dance Teachers United, for 10 years and serves on the board of directors. She is a member of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Adams United Methodist Church where she serves on the Bible school and trustee committees. She is married to Michael Godbold and they have a two-year-old daughter, Ginger.

Band and Colette Alumni Chapter Plans Princess Ball

The Band and Colette Alumni Chapter is sponsoring their fifth annual "Princess Ball" for fathers and daughters on Feb. 6 at the Thames Center on the Wesson campus.

The purpose of the event is to raise money to fund the Clyde Wilson scholarship for band and Colette students. Band and Colette Alumni Chapter past president and event organizer Mark Hamilton said the event is the first and best of its kind in the area, and not only will it be an opportunity for the organization to raise funds, but it is an opportunity for fathers and daughters to connect.

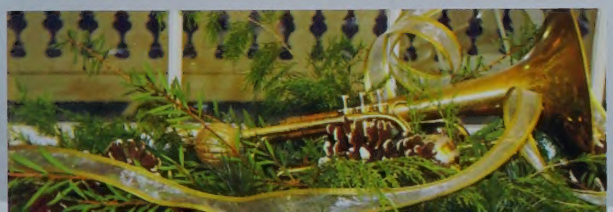
"This is a great chance for fathers and grandfathers to spend some time with the young ladies in their lives, and really make some sweet memories," Hamilton said. "We've had four great years of putting on this event, and we're looking forward to another successful ball this year." The ball is open to fathers, grandfathers and father figures and girls ages 5-15. The event times will be separated by age groups with a ball for 4-9 year-olds from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and for 10-15 year-olds from 8-10 p.m. Tickets to the event are $30 per couple and $10 for each additional child. The cost of the ticket includes refreshments, door prizes and ballroom dance instruction. Dress for the event is formal, and photography will be available for an additional fee. Tickets are available at the alumni office and online via the Co-Lin web page. They will also be available at the main branches of Copiah Bank, First Bank, Bank of Franklin, and Pike National Bank in Copiah, Franklin, Lawrence and Lincoln Counties.

For more information, contact Hamilton at (601) 835-6607.

Holiday Celebration

Where Music Meets Art

The Wesson Chamber of Commerce and Co-Lin Band Program sponsored a holiday celebration, "Where Music Meets Art," on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Old Wesson School. The evening included musical performances by the Co-Lin Jazz Band, Sojourners, and percussion, woodwind, and brass ensembles, as well as a silent auction and a guest appearance by Mississippi watercolor artist Wyatt Waters. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Co-Lin Band program.



The College Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th anniversary at Homecoming. Many of the members attended the alumni luncheon, where they received their Golden Anniversary pins. Those at the afternoon reunion were (front row, from left): Terry Tyler Robbins, Beverly Britt, Doris Paxton Different, Kaye Green Williams, Janet Smith Brister, Sonya White Cowen, and Ellen Maddox Cox. (Middle row, from left): Jim Robbins, Gradene Smith Wooten, Linda Sauls Reynolds, Alicia Rogers Reynolds, Gail Brumfield, Jeanie Myers Sandifer, John Cox, Ann Dickey Jolissaint, Dale Sullivan, and Leigh Richardson Vice. (Back row, from left): Bob White, Hardy Smith, Dudley Sandifer, Steve Wooten, Pat Smith Walker, and Noel Jacobs. Not pictured: Buster Brown

Homecoming 2015

Homecoming 2015 was a celebration of the 100th year of Copiah-Lincoln, and the weekend was one of our best. After a fun-filled week of activities for students and faculty on campus, Homecoming events kicked off on Thursday evening with a performance by the Three Co-Lin Tenors, made up of Joe Elliot, Dwayne Nix, and J.D. Longmire. The annual Homecoming golf tournament sponsored by the baseball team was held on Friday, Oct. 2, followed by the annual president's reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ronnie Nettles. This year's honored guests were former Alumni of the Year. Saturday's events began with the induction of five new members into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Members of the class of 2015 are Jacob Blakeney, Jaris Patrick, Ralph Sanders, the late David Smith, and Corey Verrett.

The Band and Colette Alumni Chapter inducted Sonya White Cowen into its Hall of Fame and recognized Laci Fenn Godbold as the recipient of the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The auditorium in the Maggie Flowers Ewing Fine Arts building was named in honor of former band director Stanley Stewart.

Over 280 alumni and friends attended the Alumni Association's annual awards luncheon. The Association honored Carmon "Sandy" Cowart and Dr. Sherry Chance Pippen as the 2015 Alumni of the Year. Outstanding faculty and staff were also recognized. Those honored were Amy Case, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Blake Oberschmidt, Outstanding Career-Technical Instructor; Velesta Young, Outstanding Staff Member; all from the Wesson campus; Amanda Hood, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member, Natchez campus; and Bryon Conville, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member, Simpson County Center.

Following the luncheon, the newly renovated Smith Hall chemistry lab was named in honor of former instructor Dr. Phyllis Hayes Lanier. Several of her former students, family, and friends were on hand for the occasion.

The annual tailgate party featured entertainment by the Sojourners as well as the Blue Wave Show Band and cheerleaders. Alumni and friends enjoyed gathering under tents outside Stone Stadium while children enjoyed food, games, a bounce house, and exhibits by the Seawolves Robotics team, the Centurians History Club, face painting, and more. An impressive crowd gathered at Stone Stadium to support Homecoming Queen Greta Carley and her court and to cheer on the Wolfpack in their match against Pearl River. Sadly, the Wolves came up short, to put a damper on an otherwise fantastic Homecoming weekend.

Dedications

The auditorium in the Maggie Flowers Ewing Fine Arts building was named in honor of former band director Stanley Stewart at Homecoming.

The newly renovated chemistry laboratory in Smith Hall was named in honor of former chemistry instructor, the late Dr. Phyllis Hayes Lanier at Homecoming. Members of her family as well as former students and colleagues were on hand for the dedication.

Dr. James Nations with Jim and Ann Cagle at the president's reception

Bradley and Nena Smith with Diane and Mike McIntyre at the president's reception

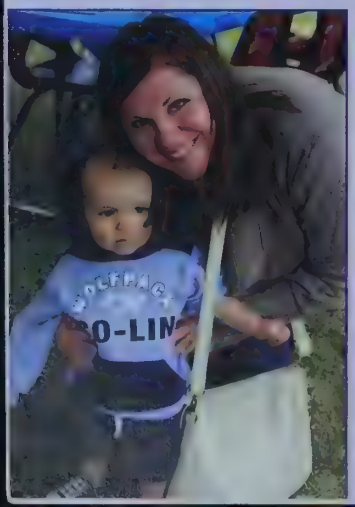
The Three Co-Lin Tenors, Joe Elliot, J.D. Longmire, and Dwayne Nix, accompanied by Steve Russell

Winners of the annual homecoming golf tournament are from left, Brock Campbell, Mike Wooten, Craig Hennington, Allen Kent, Ricky McInnis and Chris Lofton.

Former tennis players of Mike McIntyre gathered for a reunion prior to the Homecoming game.

Members and coaches of the 1985 championship football team pictured with former Co-Lin president, Dr. Billy Thames prior to the Homecoming football game. The group was recognized on the field during the ball game.

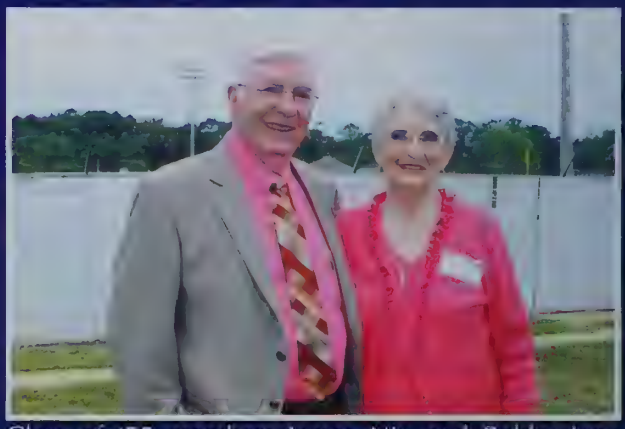
Trey and Brandi ('06) Hough with family members during the Homecoming football game



Samantha ('03) John Daniel Speeg enjoying the tailgate party

Sojourners entertaining the crowds at the tailgate party

5K participants Amber and Anabel Hall and Lisa Bodin



Class of '55 members James Nix and Bobby June Smith Jones

Michelle Turk Hession ('95) and her son Turk enjoying the tailgate party.

Alumni of the Year, Dr. Sherry Pippen and Carmon "Sandy" Cowart.

Trailblazers at the tailgate party

Members of the 2015 Homecoming Court are from left: Reagan Denny, freshman maid, Caylee Smith, sophomore maid, Callie Johnston, freshman maid, Brianta O'Quinn, freshman maid, Katelyn Roberts, sophomore maid, Ke'Amber Holmes, sophomore maid, Greta Carley, homecoming queen, Destiny Allen, sophomore maid, Madison Kirk, freshman maid, Katie Grace Culpepper, freshman maid, Yesenia Showers, freshman maid, Kiara Donaldson, freshman maid, Hope Huff, sophomore maid, and Victoria Allen, freshman maid.

Homecoming Court

50th Reunion

The High School Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th reunion at Homecoming. Those attending were seated left to right: Joan Douglas Dodd, Linda Sue Smith, Mona Price Maxwell, Betty Ables Johnson, Janice Butler Stricklin, and Rachel Barlow Gibson. Second row standing left to right: Anne Munson Daigle, Steve Lewis, Ronnie Kennedy, Donnie Kennedy, Johnny Harrington, and Kenneth Wooten. Back row left to right: Mark Gill, Gary Statham, Calvin Farrar, Terry Assink, Lee Beall, Paul Smith, Larry Greer, Sharon Rice Inman, Johnny B. Watson, C.L. Watson, and Jerry James.

Campus Updates

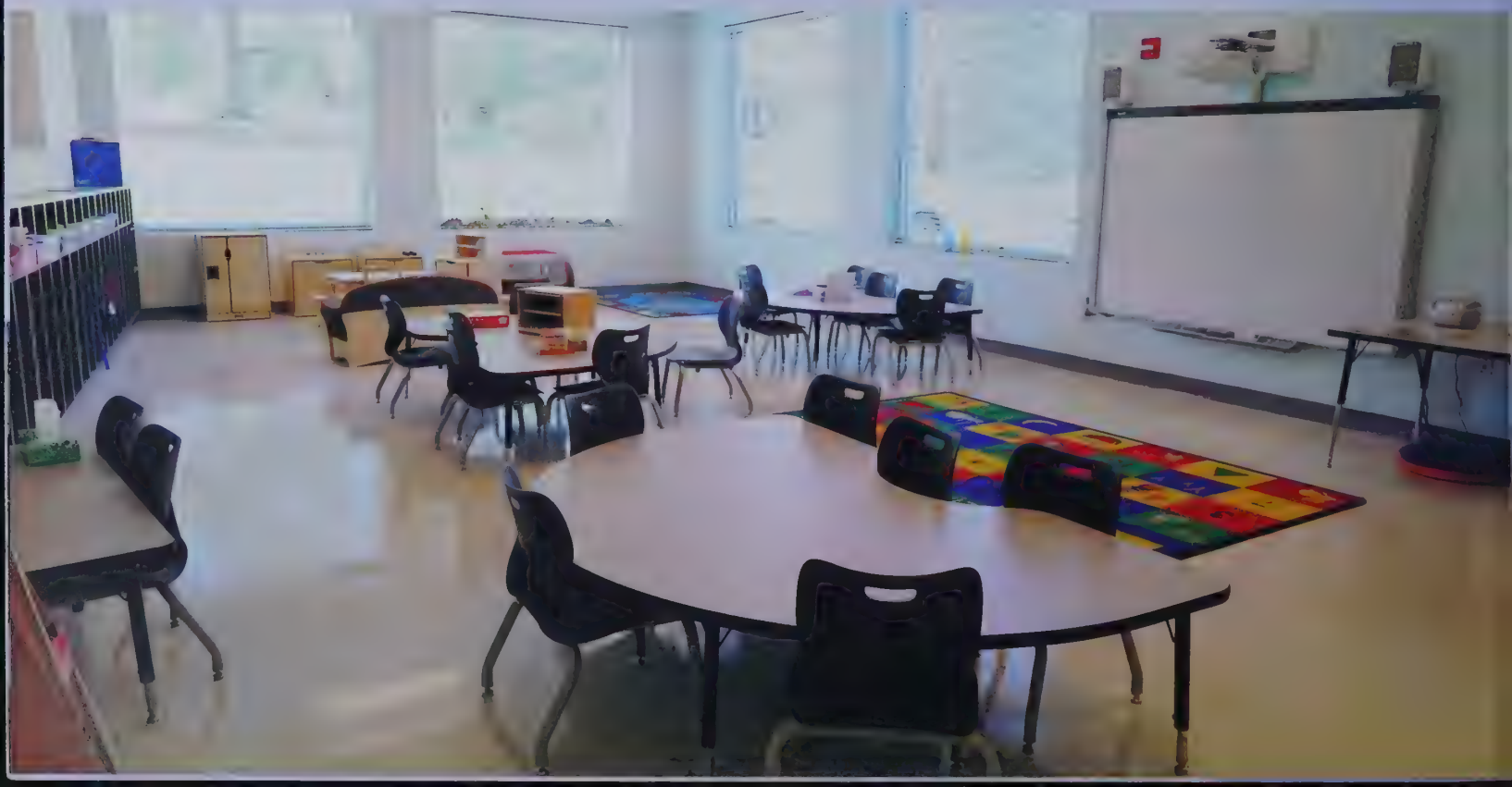
The Future Looks

Building projects revitalizing campus

If you've visited the Wesson campus in the past year, you've probably noticed no shortage of building projects. In 2015, phase one of the Russell Ellzey Hall renovation was completed, a new building for the Early Childhood Development program was constructed, and work began on the new pedestrian corridor.

Phase one of the Ellzey project was completed in the fall of 2015. The building underwent an extensive selective demolition removing all of the interior walls, windows, air conditioners, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and floor coverings. All brick on the building were re-pointed and restored to their 1928 condition. The flat roof was removed and the original 1928 pitched roof design was engineered with metal trusses and architectural shingles. Special care was taken to restore the original features of the building, including the architectural cast-stone front door surround, and custom made energy efficient windows were built to look like the original 1928 windows. Approximately $4 million will be needed to complete the interior restoration of Russell Ellzey Hall in a Phase II project at a date that has not yet been determined.

The Early Childhood Development building was completed in November. Students and staff moved from their location in



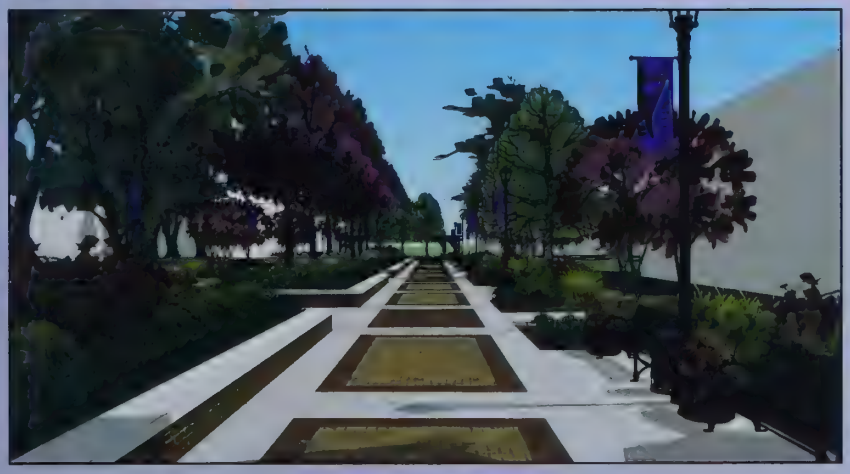
Bright at Co-Lin

the Anderson building and adjacent mobile structure to their new, state of the art, permanent location. The building boasts new classrooms for college students and the children, faculty offices, a cafeteria and kitchen, and a new playground. An open house will be held in the spring.

The pedestrian corridor project began in August 2015, and is making great progress. The corridor was funded through a federal $1 million grant through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) administered by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with the college providing 20 percent matching funds. Funding was approved in April, 2013, by the Mississippi Transportation Commission. By December, 2015, the demolition phase of the former Co-Lin Lane pavement and curbing was complete and a new comprehensive drainage system, new street lighting, and new sidewalks were installed, as well as 54 tons of crushed limestone underlayment.

The completed corridor will feature brick pavers, planters, benches, trash receptacles, LED lighting, and a large plaza for performances and gatherings featuring the College seal in the pavement. The famous "hot rock" will also be restored with new brick and a cast limestone seat wall. An extensive landscaping program featuring automatic irrigation will be done throughout the project as shown on the rendering. The project is anticipated to be complete between March and June, 2016.

For more information on the Co-Lin pedestrian corridor project or other campus buildings and grounds, contact Dr. Jeff Posey at 601-643-8411 in the Office of Facilities Planning.



Own a piece of the "Hot Rock!"

Couples have gathered at the "Hot Rock" for the past 80 years at Co-Lin, but as part of the new pedestrian corridor project, the famous Co-Lin landmark is being renovated. Upon completion of the project, the gathering spot will be restored with new brick and a cast limestone seat wall to replace the stones that originally faced the structure. The Hot Rock was first constructed as a water fountain in 1934. Over the years, the fountain was used by courting couples as a place to spend time together. By the late 1940s, the irrigation for the fountain was shut down and a small garden had replaced the water that filled the inside of the fountain. Over the decades, the rocks were used as a central area for pep rallies, as a pedestal for student government hopefuls to stand to deliver speeches, and of course remained popular as a meeting place for couples.

The hot rocks are available to purchase for $25 each. To purchase a piece of this famous Co-Lin landmark, contact Angela Furr at (601) 643.8498 or email angela.furr@colin.edu.

Monticello's American Legion Post 27 established the Abner W. Cooper Memorial Post 27 Scholarship with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation during a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at the Lawrence County Courthouse. On hand for the presentation were David Campbell, executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation and American Legion Post 27 members Harold McElroy and Butch Dear, a 1966 Co-Lin graduate.

Mike Whatley of Mike Whatley Honda in Brookhaven (second from left) presented a $1500 donation to Co-Lin president Dr. Ronnie Nettles (second from right) on behalf of the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation for the Automotive Technology program at Co-Lin. On hand for the presentation were from left, David Campbell, executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation, Whatley, Nettles, and Co-Lin automotive program coordinator Blake Oberschmidt.

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Gifts from alumni and friends like you make a difference in the lives of students.
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- Robbie Barnes ('81)
Co-Lin Foundation
Board President

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Co-Lin Foundation, P.O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191.

FOUNDATION BUYS MICROSCOPES – The Co-Lin Foundation purchased new microscopes for the college's science department. Biology students are pictured from left: Stephen Owen of El Dorado, Arkansas, Michelle Sanders of Wesson, Natalie Eakes of Jackson, and Kyra McKnight of Bogue Chitto. Gifts from alumni and friends allow the Foundation to meet needs of the college such as these.

Sports Hall of Fame *(continued from page 4)*

He is also a member of First Baptist church in Wiggins where he serves as a deacon. Sanders is married to the former Shelby Tolbert. He has two children, Sherri and Steve, and five grandchildren.

Smith

David Smith was a 1980 graduate of Co-Lin where he served as an assistant for the softball team while a student. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree from Jackson State University. He began working at Co-Lin in 1982 as the assistant to the dean of student activities and served as cheer coach for eight years. He was head coach of the Lady Wolves softball team from 1992-2001, leading his teams to five division titles, two state championships and two runner-up finishes in the national tournament. He was named MACJC Coach of the Year twice.

Smith coached fast pitch the first year it was implemented, and then stepped away to pursue other goals. He served as an administrator of Copiah County Schools until illness forced him to retire. He was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, a member of Wesson's Lions Club and reinstated and led Wesson's Boy Scout Troop 125. He was married to Ramona Higdon Smith ('79), and they have two children, Justin David Smith ('06) and Lauren Langham ('07), and two grandchildren.

Verrett

Corey Verrett attended Co-Lin in 1990 and 1991 where he was a member of the tennis team. He was a singles and doubles state and regional champion his freshman and sophomore years, and helped his team to state and regional championships and placed top 10 in the nation with an undefeated season in 1990. He achieved national ranking in singles and doubles. He is the only Co-Lin male tennis player ever to win eight individual state and regional championships.

Verrett received an associate in applied science degree in radiography from Co-Lin. After Co-Lin, he attended Delgado Community College where he received a certificate in nuclear medicine technology. He is the head nuclear medicine technologist at Regional Medical of Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana. He has served as a tennis instructor for over 20 years and offers free tennis clinics in his community. He has one son, Taylor, a sophomore at University of Louisiana Lafayette.

SUMMER REUNION- Friends from the Co-Lin Class of 1963-64 got together recently for their annual event held at Dixie Springs Cafe. Those attending were : Front row- Gabriel Terrell, Linda Lester Cook, Howard Moak, Charlotte Algood Coon, Travis Jordan, Sondra Beeler Jordan, Barbara Jordan Smith, Dorothy Strong Shealy, and Back row- Roy Rushing, John Cook, Rudy Mcgehee, Barto Laird, Landal Moak, and Ellis Perkins.

Alumni Spotlight

Zachary Cain ('14) is the owner and head coach at Mississipi Spirit in Brookhaven, a new competitive cheerleading and tumbling gym. Mississippi Spirit offers competitive cheerleading from tiny to senior team, a variety of classes, school team coaching, choreography and private tumbling instruction. The gym boasts five competitive cheer teams and employs two current Co-Lin cheerleaders on staff.

Natchez at 300: A River Runs by It

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For more information, including tickets to the Saturday luncheon or evening fundraising events, please contact us at NLCC@colin.edu or by telephone: 601-446-1208

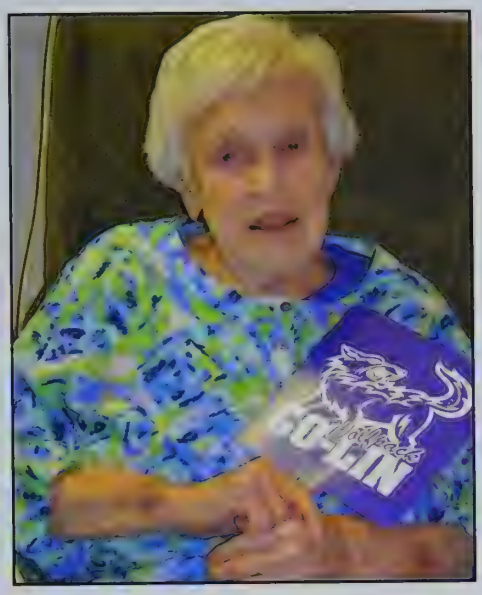
Eupora native recalls early Co-Lin days | by David Campbell

Image a young lady only 18 years old in the fall of 1937 from rural Webster County near Eupora deciding to travel by train to Co-Lin Junior College to begin her education, a place she only knew by the pictures she saw in the college catalog.

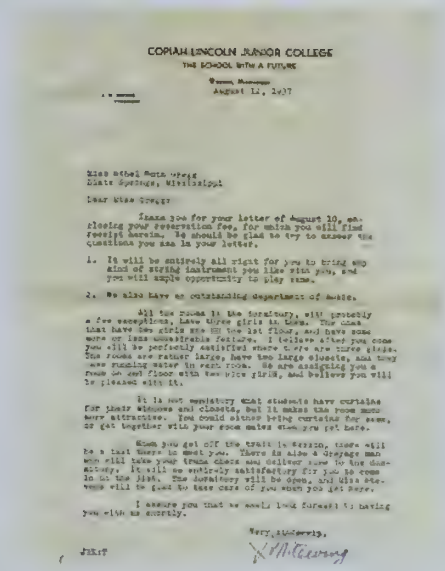
"I liked the pictures in the catalog, so I wanted to go there," Ethel Ruth Gregg, now 96 years old, said. She traveled from home to Winona to catch a train to Wesson where she experienced some of the college's earliest days. "It was my first time away from home for that long." Gregg only went home on holidays since home was more than 170 miles north of the Wesson campus. Her first trip came during the state fair, a holiday for Co-Lin students in that era.

At Co-Lin she met Lula Stevens, for whom Stevens' Hall, a women's dormitory, is named. "She was crafty," Gregg remembered. "She made you feel like she was horrible at first, but when you got to know her, she was the best person," Gregg said explaining how Stevens, then dean of women and an English instructor, gave orientation to the young women entering Co-Lin. She also remembers Allie Lee Lofton, the school nurse. The nurse gave us castor oil for a cold, Gregg said laughing. "It was awful."

At the cafeteria, Gregg met Fannie Callender, dietitian. She described her as a wonderful lady. All female students were required to work on rotation in the dining room. "We washed dishes, set up the tables, served, and acted as a hostess at a table of six to eight students." The worst assignment was the football table. She said by the time a bowl of food passed by the football players there wasn't anything left for the hostess.



Ethel Gregg



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THE SCHOOL WITH A FUTURE

August 11, 1937

Miss Ethel Ruth Gregg
Slate Springs, Mississippi

Dear Miss Gregg:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, enclosing your reservation fee, for which you will find receipt herein. We should be glad to try to answer the questions you ask in your letter.

1. It will be entirely all right for you to bring any kind of string instrument you like with you, and you will ample opportunity to play same.

2. We also have an outstanding department of music.

All the rooms in the dormitory, with probably a few exceptions, have three girls in them. The ones that have two girls are on the 1st floor, and have some more or less undesirable feature. I believe after you come you will be perfectly satisfied where there are three girls. The rooms are rather large, have two large closets, and they have running water in each room. We are assigning you a room on 2nd floor with two nice girls, and believe you will be pleased with it.

It is not mandatory that students have curtains for their windows and closets, but it makes the room much more attractive. You could either bring curtains for same, or get together with your room mates when you get here.

When you get off the train in Wesson, there will be a taxi there to meet you. There is also a drayage man who will take your trunk check and deliver same to the dormitory. It will be entirely satisfactory for you to come in on the 1st. The dormitory will be open, and Miss Stevens will be glad to take care of you when you get here.

I assure you that we shall look forward to having you with us shortly.

Very sincerely,

JHH:T

Gregg had wanted to perform in the band but did not have enough experience with playing music with a group. She did play the guitar and the mandolin. Her mandolin is on display in the Memorial Oswalt Library along with a letter from then Co-Lin president James Ewing giving her permission to bring the instrument to her dorm. "The mandolin could have been considered disruptive in the dorm, so I had to get permission to bring it to school," she said. She paused to think of a word to describe Dr. Ewing. He was a "traditionalist," she said. Gregg fondly remembers that he wrote her a great letter of recommendation.

Laura Bell Lindsey, English instructor, prepared Gregg's schedule and because she had an interest in English, Gregg became an assistant for Lindsey though English wasn't to be in her future. "There were no jobs for women in those days except for teaching and nursing and I wasn't good at either," she said describing life after her graduation from Co-Lin in 1939.

The adventurous Gregg bought a one-way ticket to Washington, DC, in 1942 with part of a $75 loan from a relative payable without interest if she succeeded. The loan got her through her first month in Washington where she landed a job with the Signal Corp during WWII. After the war she went to work with RCA as a market analysis and eventually completed a degree in the 60s in computer programming and data-processing to become a computer technician, retiring from RCA in 1983. "I went into computers because I could see that coming like a freight train," She said. "They have revolutionized the business world."

Gregg returned to Mississippi after retirement and now resides in Houston, Mississippi.

Alumni Spotlight

Jeremy Little ('98) is a principal artist with the New York City Metropolitan Opera. He received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and a master's degree from Louisiana State University. He completed additional study at Julliard in New York. Little has performed principal roles with such companies as the New York City Opera, Opera Theater of St. Louis, Des Moines Metro Opera, Florentine Opera, Anchorage Opera, The Juilliard Opera Center, and Wolf Trap Opera, and has been featured in concert and recital at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and Merkin Hall. He created the title role in Lowell Liebermann's Miss Lonelyhearts, and was a 2010 Grammy Nominee for his performance in the live recording of John Musto's Volpone.

Where are they now?

Wanda Cone Howell ('77), Rob McCreary ('88), and Bonita Rogers Montgomery ('00) were all stand outs during their days at Co-Lin. Here's what they're up to today:

Wanda Cone Howell of Gulfport was a popular campus leader who was involved in numerous activities and organizations during her two years at Co-Lin. The New Hebron native served as Head Colette and was associate editor of the Wolf Tales newspaper. She was selected as a freshman homecoming maid, and was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Phi Theta Kappa, Who's Who Among College Students, and was Miss Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. She was also a member of the college Hall of Fame

Howell then

Howell today

After Co-Lin, Howell received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Mississippi, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Today she serves as human resources manager for the Ledger-Enquirer Multimedia Company in Columbus, Georgia, where she works remotely. Prior to that, she served in many different roles for the Sun Herald in Gulfport for more than 25 years.

She is married to Paul Howell and they have three children: Hillary, age 26, who graduated from Ole Miss and is in her fourth year of medical school; Haley, age 24, who graduated from Ole Miss and works for Cardinal Health in Nashville, Tennessee; and Michael, age 21, a junior at Ole Miss. They are a part of Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport where she serves on the long range planning committee and on the staff/parish relations committee. She has served for several years on the boards of directors for United Way of South Mississippi and the Harrison County Heart Association board of directors. She is a past president of Gulfport Civitan Club and was active in Lighthouse of Biloxi Business and Professional Women's Club for many years. She enjoys Ole Miss athletics (especially football) and spending time at the family's Delta hunting camp.

Howell describes her time at Co-Lin as truly special. "It was the perfect transition for me since I came from a small high school," she said. "I have so many fond memories, but my favorite ones are around my Colette and band activities and my work with such wonderful friends and journalists on the Wolf Tales staff. I credit Burlian Walker for my love of journalism and appreciation of a free press. His sense of humor and hands-on involvement made our hard work pleasant."

McCreary then

McCreary today

Rob McCreary of Brookhaven was a well-known and liked student athlete at Co-Lin in the late 80s. He was a member of the tennis team, the Student Government Association, the Baptist Student Union, the Trailblazers, and the radio station staff, and served as sports editor for the Wolf Tales newspaper. He was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and as a campus favorite.

After Co-Lin, McCreary received a bachelor's degree in history and marketing from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Jackson State University. He currently serves as principal of Mamie Martin Elementary School in Brookhaven. McCreary has worked for the Brookhaven School District for 21 years as a teacher, coach and administrator, and has served 13 of those years at Mamie Martin as principal or assistant principal.

He is married to Melainie Cotton McCreary, and they have three children: Caleb, age 16, Josh, age 12, and Anna Grace, age 10. He is a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven where he serves as a deacon. He is a past president of Brookhaven/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, Brookhaven Noon Lion's Club, and United Way of Lincoln County and serves as a volunteer with Outreach Ministries and the Ole Brook Festival. He enjoys watching his children in their many activities and exercising at the gym.

McCreary's most prominent memories from Co-Lin are from his involvement on the tennis team, and he considers former coach Mike McIntyre a huge influence on his life. "He was the original "Coach Mac," McCreary said. "People in Brookhaven call me Coach Mac, but I will always remember him as that. He taught me that you need to make teaching and learning fun, and in order to teach a child, you first had to show that student that you cared. He was a great mentor to me and a ton of other guys who he coached on the Co-Lin tennis team."

Montgomery then

Montgomery today

Bonita Rogers Montgomery of Athens, Tennessee, was an engineering major during her years at Co-Lin, and unlike many who begin in that field, she went on to become just that. In addition to her rigorous course work, she was involved in just about every campus activity and organization available. She served as president of the Women's Residence Council, vice-president and regional historian for Phi Theta Kappa, secretary/treasurer of the Student Government Association, secretary of the Afro-American Plus

Club, and was a member of the drama club, Sigma Kappa Delta, Trailblazers, and the Alpha Omega Science Club. She was selected as a campus favorite, Homecoming maid, and as a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was recognized as an outstanding PTK officer and received a National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award.

After Co-Lin, Montgomery received a bachelor's degree in biological engineering from Mississippi State University's Bagley College of Engineering. Today, she is a quality engineering supervisor at DENSO Manufacturing in Athens. She is married to Andre "Tank" Montgomery, and they have three children: Benjamin, age 19, whom she calls "our blessing through adoption," Tanaisha, age 14, and Jiana, age 12.

She is a member of First United Church in Sweetwater, Tennessee, where she is a member of the choir and women's auxiliary and serves with the youth auxiliary and on the vacation bible school staff. She also serves on the marriage retreat committee at Cedine Bible Ministries and is a troop leader of the Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians. She is also a member of McMinn County Foster Care Association and has served on the Board of Directors for Sweetwater Home for Seniors. She enjoys spending time supporting her family in their many activities, reading, and traveling.

Montgomery calls her time at Co-Lin "the best two years of my college life" and says the faculty and staff played an instrumental role in preparing her for the next level of her college career and life outside of school. "The support, love, and wisdom Co-Lin blessed me with will forever remain in my heart," she said. "I pray my children will be blessed with a strong college foundation as I was at Co-Lin. As a result of my time at Co-Lin, I will always be an advocate of community colleges."

To submit alumni for
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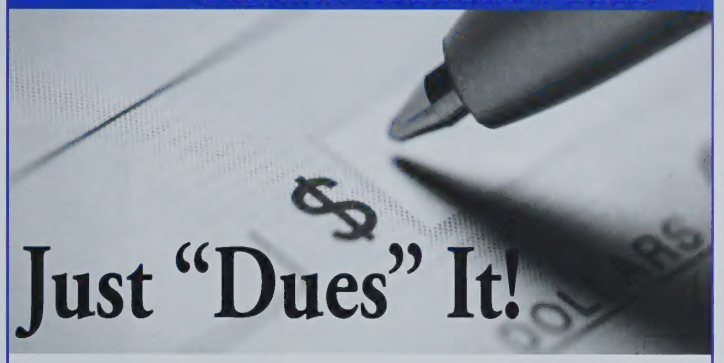

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tracking the classes

Congratulations

Cindy Hyde-Smith ('79) on being re-elected as Mississippi's Commissioner of Agriculture. Hyde- Smith also serves on the Co-Lin Foundation Board of Directors.

Coney Lea ('81) on joining the staff at Bank of Franklin.

Jackie Stowe Johnson ('06) on joining the Lady Wolves softball coaching staff.

Johnson

Leah Greer ('12) on being named the college recruiter.

Greer

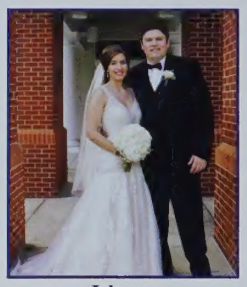
Wedding Bells

Sarah Fortenberry ('10) married Andrew Arnett on September 12, 2015.

Arnett

Michael King ('10) married Kristin Rushing on September 26, 2015.

Reilly Miller ('10) married Julia Pendley on October 10, 2015.


Johnson

Rachel Hayman ('11) married Shelby Johnson on May 30, 2015.

Tasha Dampier ('10 and '13) married Pete Barham on November 21, 2015.

Barham

Tara Paden ('12) married Lance Pepper on September 26, 2015.

Karla Beth Hux ('13) married Cody White on December 19, 2015.

White

Chynna Coghlan ('13) married **Sawyer Wallace** ('10) on August 8, 2015.

Wallace

Nicholas Pennington ('14) married Amy Lambert on July 18, 2015.

Chelsea Smith ('14) married

In Memoriam

Marvin "Joe" Wallace ('44), of St. Petersburg, passed away Sept. 7, 2015. He was a member of the Foundation Hall of Fame. Wallace and his siblings established the Noah "Cap" and Lona B. Wallace scholarship in memory of their parents, who both had strong connections to Co-Lin.

Wayne Ivy ('49) passed away in September 2015.

Shelby Watts ('59) passed away March 31, 2015. He was a member of the college's Sports hall of Fame.

Charlotte Kuehn ('65) passed away on September 4, 2015.

David V. Franklin ('69) passed away on December 6, 2015.

Elizabeth "Libby" Brown Springer ('72) passed away on October 31, 2015.

Joy Coleman ('05) passed away on September 4, 2015.

Christopher Stowe ('05) passed away on September 27, 2015.

Frederick Carl Ellis ('08) passed away on October 9, 2015.

Cheryl Byther Joiner (attended) passed away on July 5, 2015.

Keith Rials (attended) passed away on July 31, 2015.

Phillip Carty (attended) passed away on September 6, 2015.

Carolyn Cameron (attended) passed away on September 25, 2015.

Hannah Smith (attended) passed away December 10, 2015.

Eva Dee Richardson Rodriguez (attended) passed away on September 27, 2015.

Charles Langley, Sr. (Former electronics instructor, Wesson Campus) passed away on July 29, 2015.

John Landress (Former instructor, Wesson Campus) passed away on November 15, 2015.

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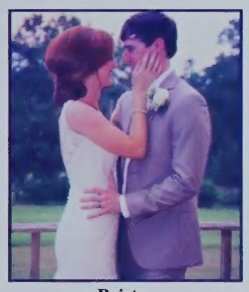
David Trim on October 3, 2015.

Allyson Anding ('14) married Christopher Hamilton on October 10, 2015.

Maggie Redd ('15) married **Grant Brister** (attended) on September 5, 2015.


Brister

Jordan Smith (attended '06 – '10) married Laken Newsom on September 26, 2015.

Vanessa Pernell married Myron Murphy on September 5, 2015.Vanessa is the Director of eLearning.

Murphy

New Arrivals

Kimberly ('03) and **Ben** ('04) **Goza** are proud parents of twins, Lynley Moore and Graham Woods, born on August 10, 2015. Proud grandparents are **Kenny** and **Vickie Goza**. Kenny is a Co-Lin Foundation Board member and program coordinator of the TAACCCT Grant on the Natchez Campus.

Goza

Brittany ('04) and Justin **Herrington** are proud parents of twins, Penelope Grace and Grayson Charles, born on September 21, 2015.

Whitney ('06) and Chris **Bowen** are proud parents of Audrey Caroline, born on August 6, 2015. Proud grandmother is **Sandra Prestwood**. Sandra works in the Business Office at the Simpson County Center.

Bowen

Heath and **Bethany** ('05) **Powell** are proud parents of Lucas William, born October 30, 2015. Proud grandparents are Donna and Bruce Bales. Donna is the circulation clerk for the Oswalt Library.

Powell

Ashley Reid ('11) and Wayne McKee are proud parents of Mila Rose, born on September 10, 2015.

Micah (attended) and Ashley **Bull** are proud parents of Brody Ellis, born on July 28, 2015.

Dr. Jill and Bob **Logan** are proud grandparents of Peter Finneran, born on August 11, 2015. Proud parents are Burns and Jenny Logan of Denver, Colorado.

Blake and **Marcie** ('04) **Errington** are proud parents of Kasen Robert, born October 29, 2015. Proud grandparents are Dewitt and **Brenda Parrett**. Brenda is the administrative assistant to the president.

Errington

Michael and **Carly Waldrop** (attended) are proud parents of Liza Layne born October 28, 2015.

Waldrop

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